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Wide Area Monitoring and Advisory Service for Smart Grids as a 5G-enabled Network Application

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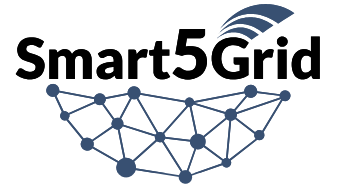


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Demonstration of **5G** solutions for
SMART energy **GRIDS** of the future

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GENERAL INFORMATION

THE CONSORTIUM

24 EUROPEAN
PARTNERS
COVERING
7 EU STATES

DURATION

3 YEARS

TOTAL BUDGET

8M€



Consortium Composition

24 partners, 4 Linked Third-parties, 13 SMEs



Coordinator



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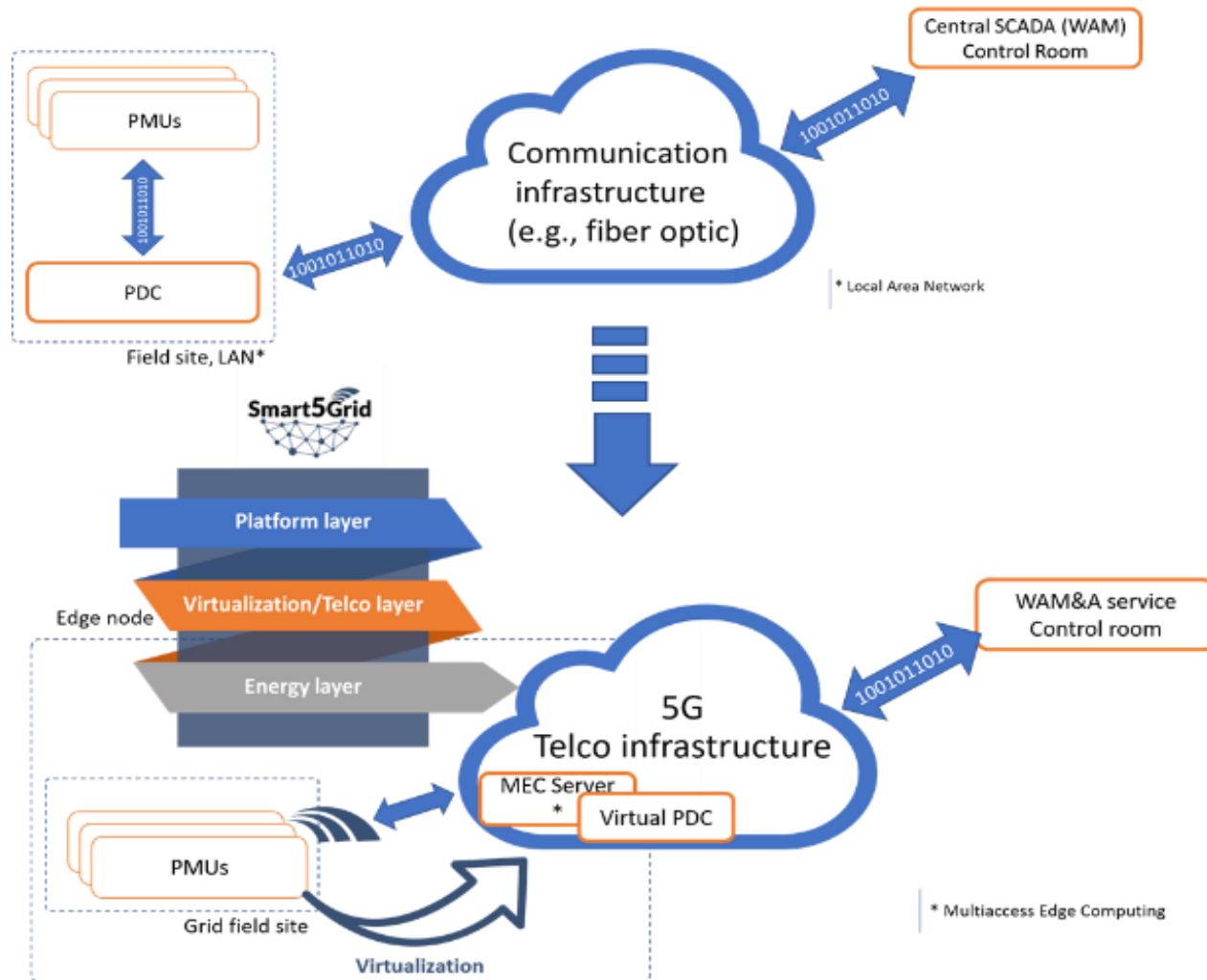
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Key Objectives of this Work

Leveraging on the Smart5Grid Open Service platform, **this work:**

- Presents the concept of **Network Application (NApp)** in the Smart5Grid context
- Provides a 5G-enabled NApp implementation for **Wide Area Monitoring and Advisory (WAM&A) services** which follow by design the principles of modularity and scalability imposed by smart grid architectures.
- Describes **the integration process of such NApp with the 5G telecommunication and the grid infrastructure** (e.g., digital-twin models).
- **Analyzes** the integration **testing results** and proves the viability of the functional requirements imposed by WAM&A for smart grid operations.

Legacy WAM&A vs 5G Concept



Legacy data network connecting filed PMUs with grid operator' SCADA is FO and PLC, supporting WAMPC, yet it **has notable cons such as, i.a.**

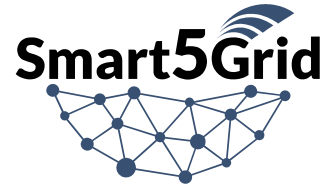
- High rollout costs, low speed of (re)deployment
- No modularity, scalability, and flexibility
- Mostly owned by TSOs, while public internet (having related cyber security protocols) is seldom used to connect substations

5G NApp offers **key pros**, notably

- Lower cost, faster (re-)deployment, flexibility, modularity, and scalability, incl. Network Slicing
- URLLC, mMTC, and MEC boosting grid resilience and smartification
- Able to meet QoS specs, hence best suited to accommodate massive data flows

Bulgaria-Greece WAM&A Pilot

Real-time Wide Area Monitoring as a 5G-Enabled NApp



WAM virtual network function



virtual Phasor Data Concentrator (vPDC)

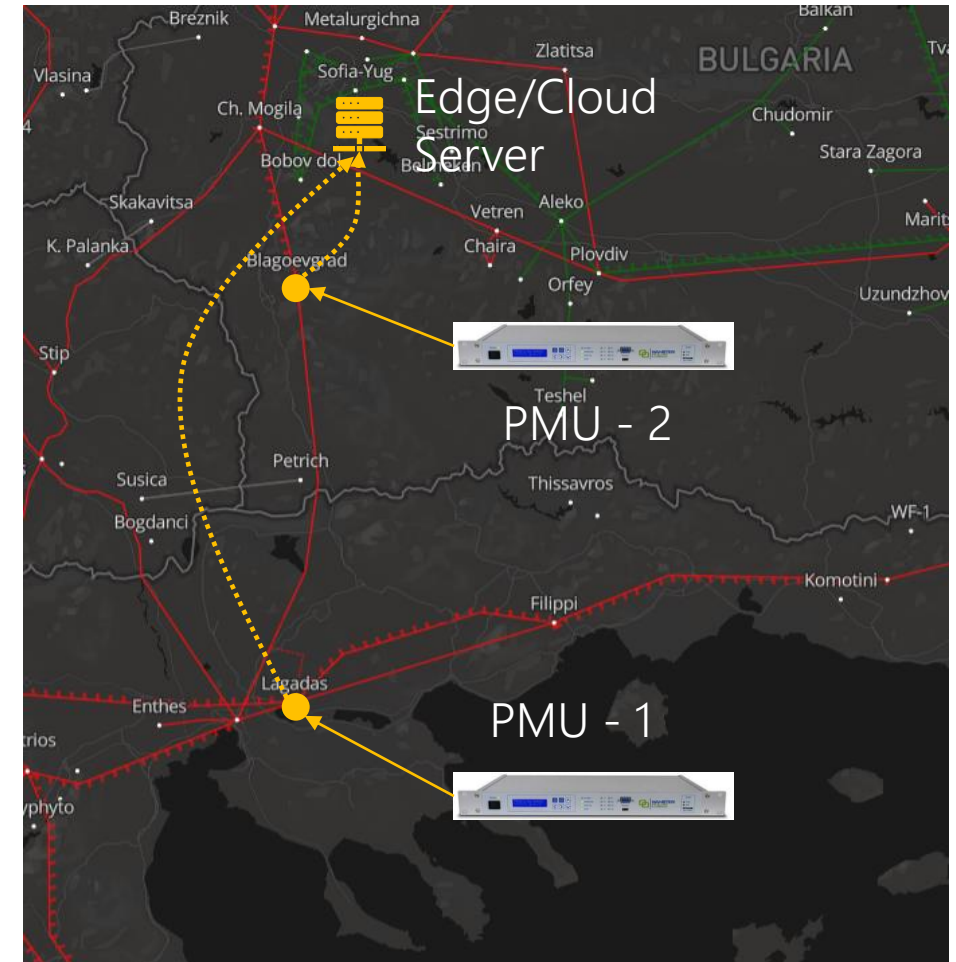


Phasor Measurement Units (PMUs)

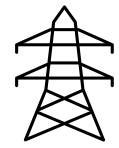
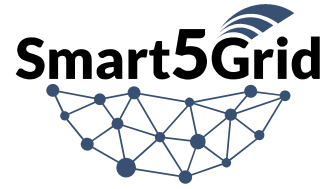


5G Communication Network

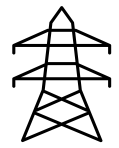
Both PMUs measure time-aligned magnitude and phase angle values of I [kA] and U [kV], as well as f [Hz]. These measurements are known as synchrophasors. A PMU uses a common source of time synchronization such as GNSS module/receiver and has wire-bound and wireless capabilities for data exchange with SCADA.



WAM&A Service: Demo Concept

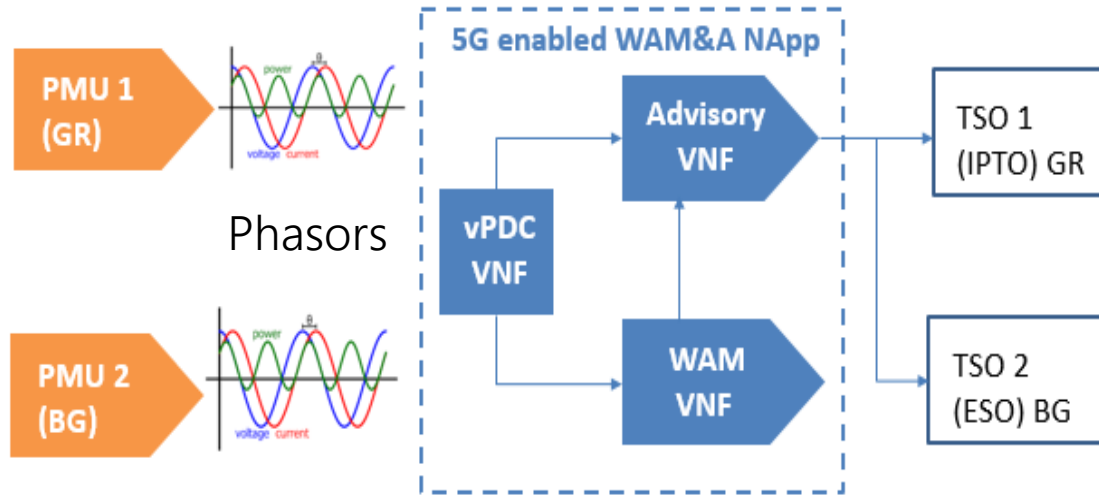


400 kV
Interconnector



$$P_{i,j} = \Re\{\bar{V}_i(\bar{I}_{i,j})^*\}$$

$$Q_{i,j} = \Im\{\bar{V}_i(\bar{I}_{i,j})^*\}$$



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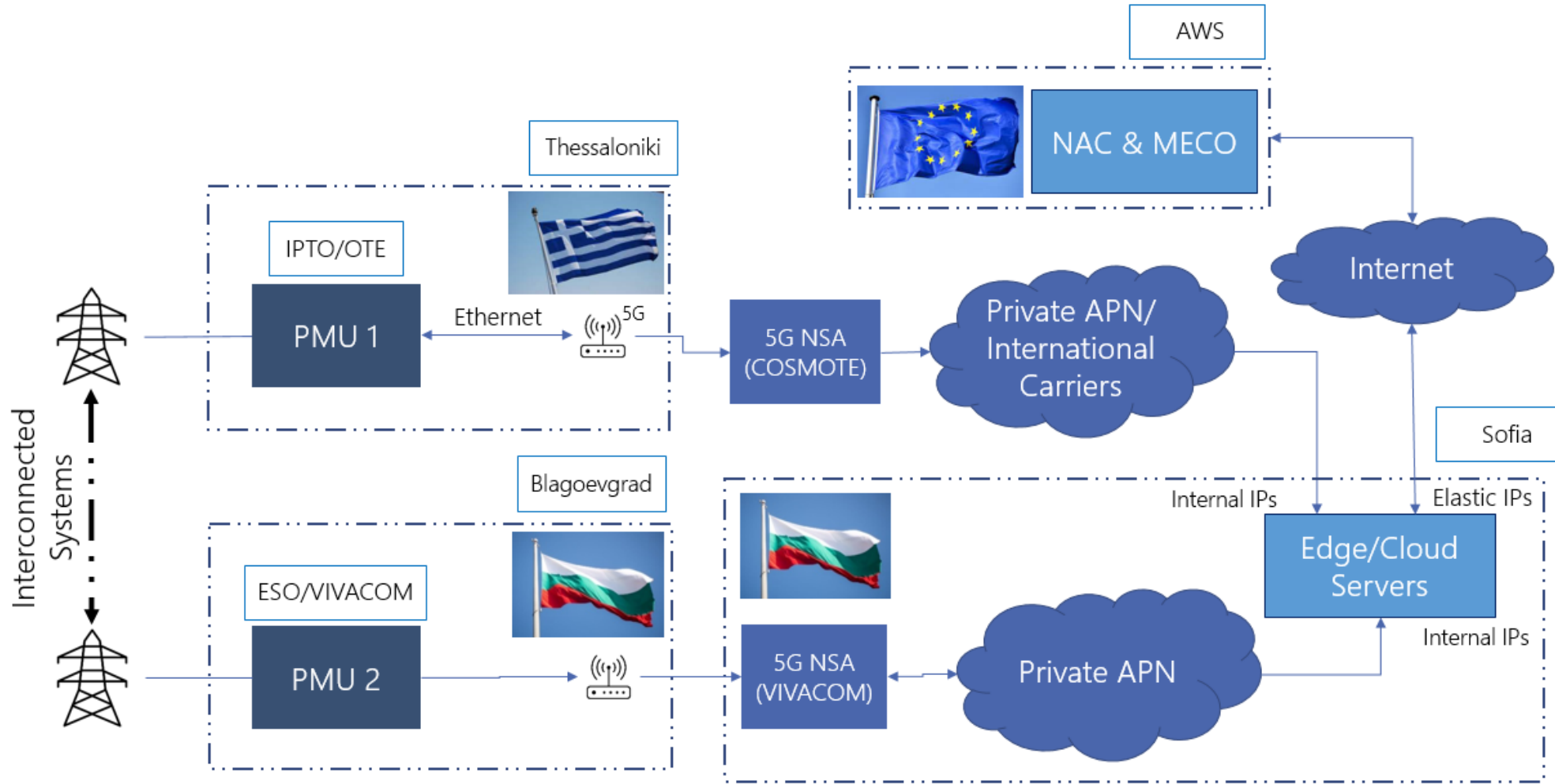
$$Q_{j,i} = \Im\{\bar{V}_j(\bar{I}_{j,i})^*\}$$

vPDC waits up to **40 ms** for both PMU data streams to arrive (as from the time it first receives RT data from one PMU, and it awaits the other PMU RT data).

- If the signals from the other PMU arrive within waiting time, **then** vPDC forwards a complete phasor dataset to the WAM NApp.
- **Else** it discards any delayed data and forwards to WAM NApp only those from a single PMU.

NApp: an extension of the Network Virtualization Functionality that provides an **abstraction of the 5G complexity** to allow the development of data network functionalities to a broader group of 5G specialized users.

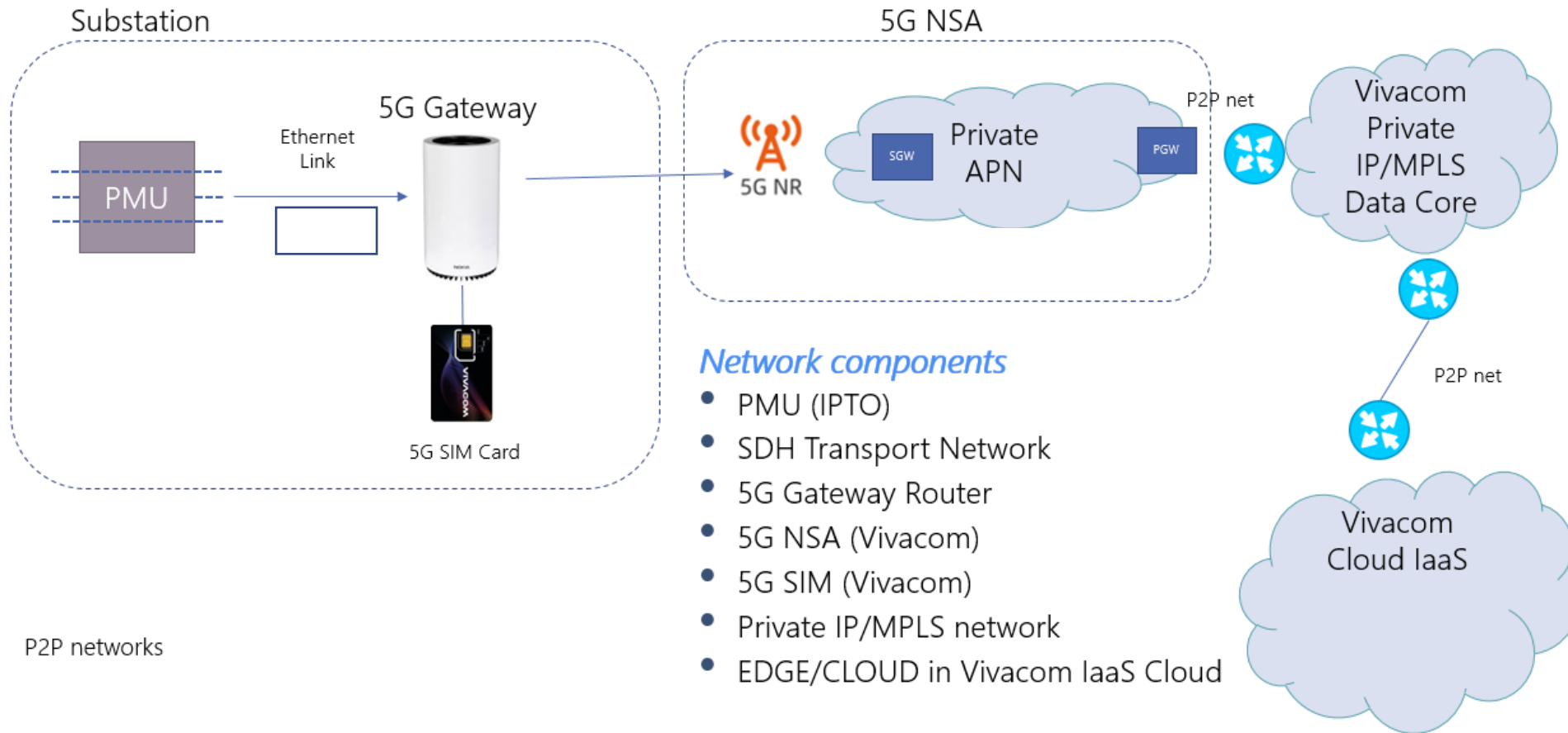
BG-GR Field Platform Call Flow



Legend:

- APN – Access Point Name
- AWS – Amazon Web Services
- 5G NSA – 5TH Generation Non-Stand-alone
- ESO – Electricity System Operator of Bulgaria
- IPTO – Independent Transmission System Operator of Greece
- MECO - Multi-access Edge Computing Orchestrator
- NAC – NetApp Controller
- PMU – Phasor Measurement Unit

Bulgarian Demo – Network Components

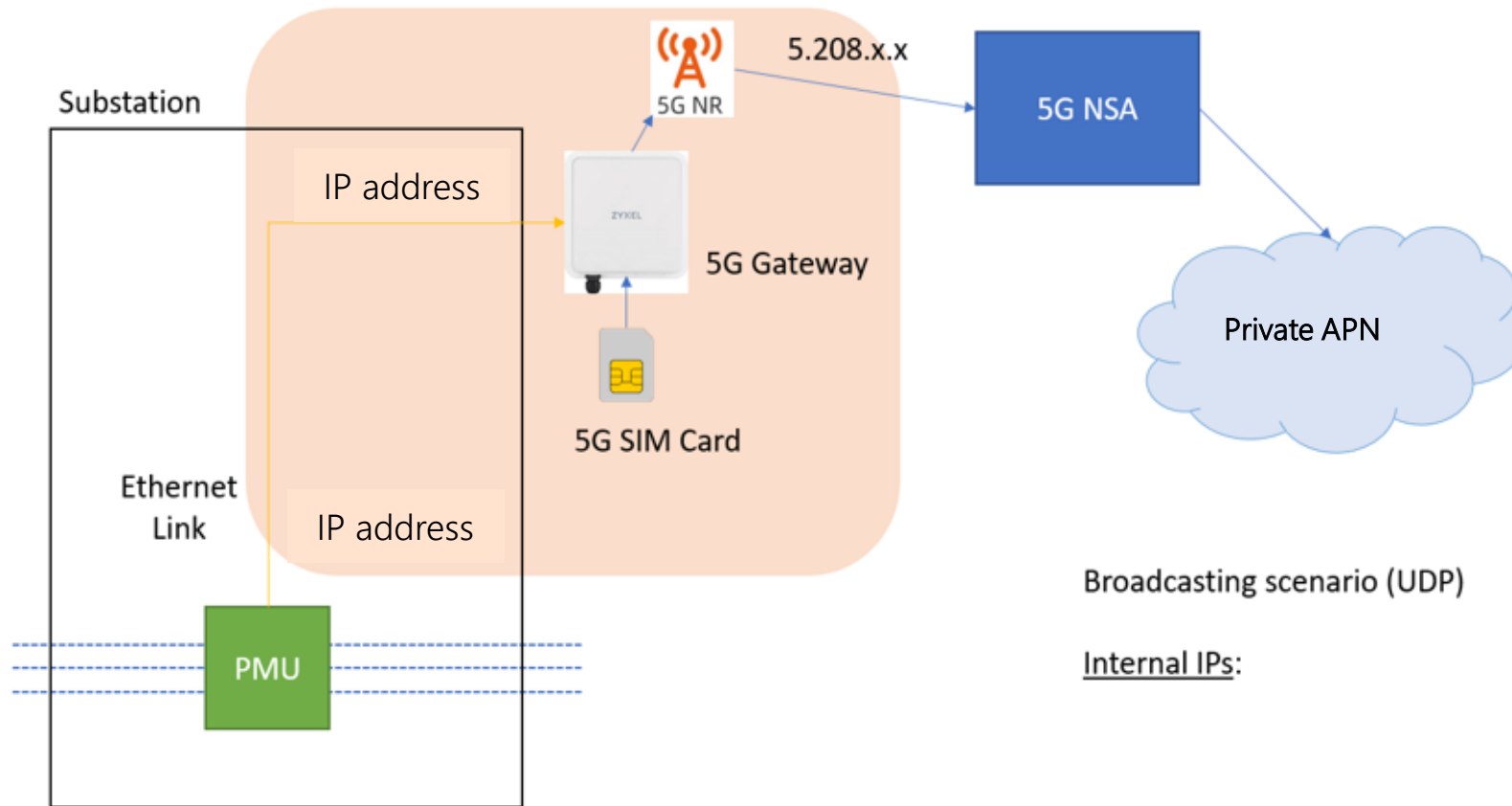


Legend:

- IaaS - Infrastructure-as-a-service
- MPLS – Multiprotocol Label Switching
- NR – New Radio 5G Network
- PGW - Packet Data Network Gateway
- P2P – Peer to Peer
- SDH - Synchronous Hierarchy
- SGW - Digital Serving Gateway

P2P networks

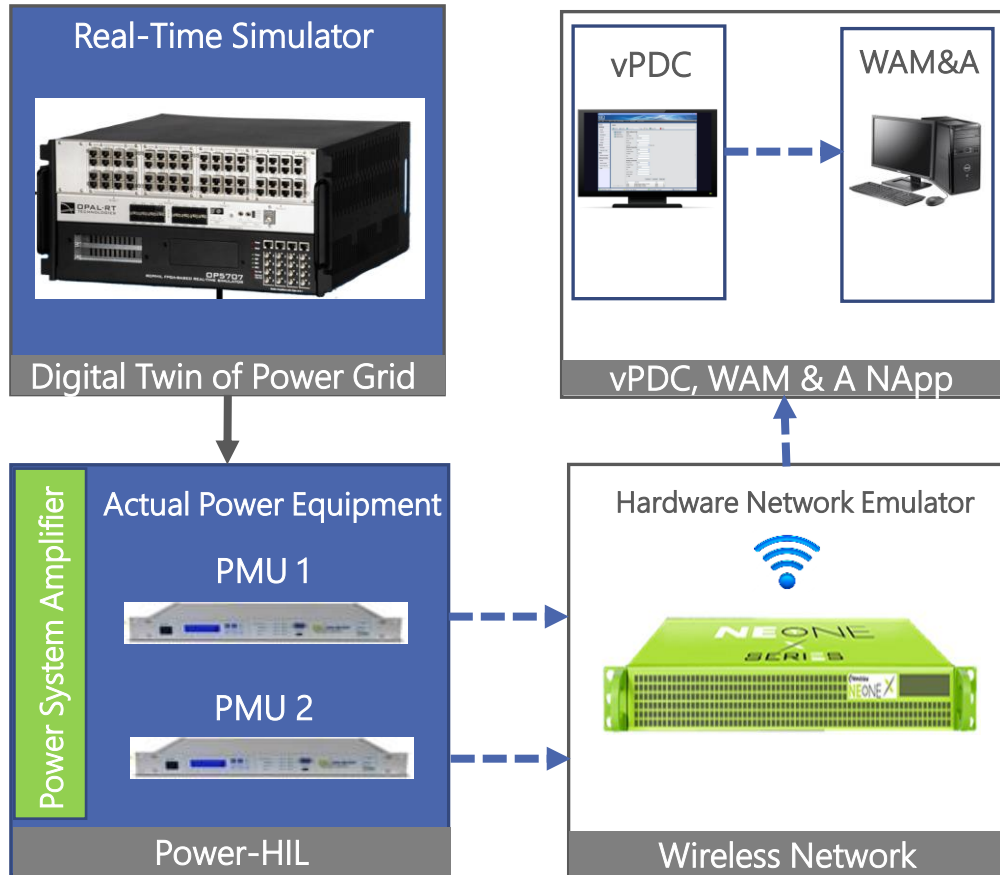
Greek Demo – Network Components



Network components

- PMU (IPTO)
- 5G Gateway Router
5G SA/5G NSA capable (IPTO)
- 5G NSA (COSMOTE)
- 5G SIM (COSMOTE)
- International Carriers (COSMOTE/VIVACOM) for Roaming Interconnection Scenario
- EDGE/CLOUD server (VIVACOM)

Testing and Validation with RT HIL



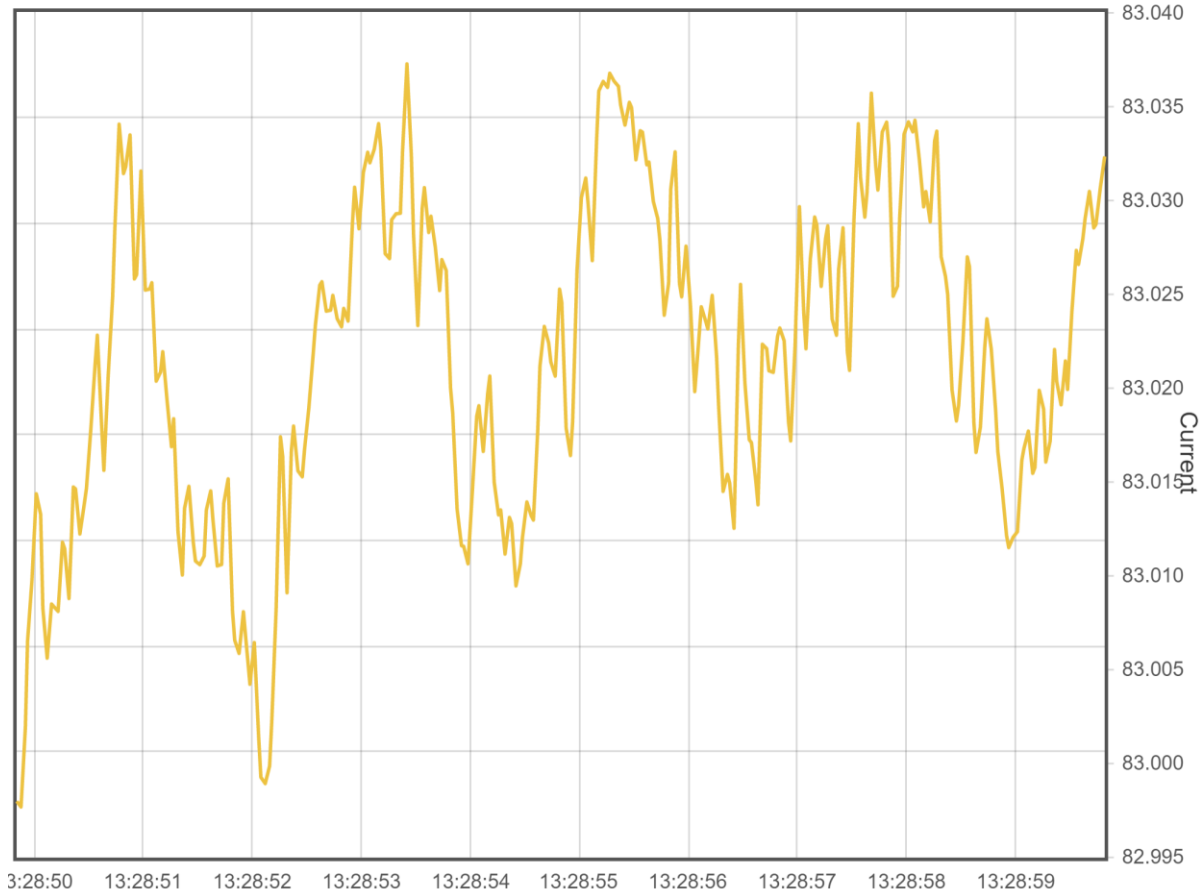
The testbed used to integrate and validate WAM&A NApp functional requirements includes:

- RT-HIL OPAL-RT model OP 5707
- Hardware network emulator model iTrinegy NE-ONE 10 , and
- Commercial PMUs, model Sentinel-Arbiter 1133A, connected in a power-HIL setup.

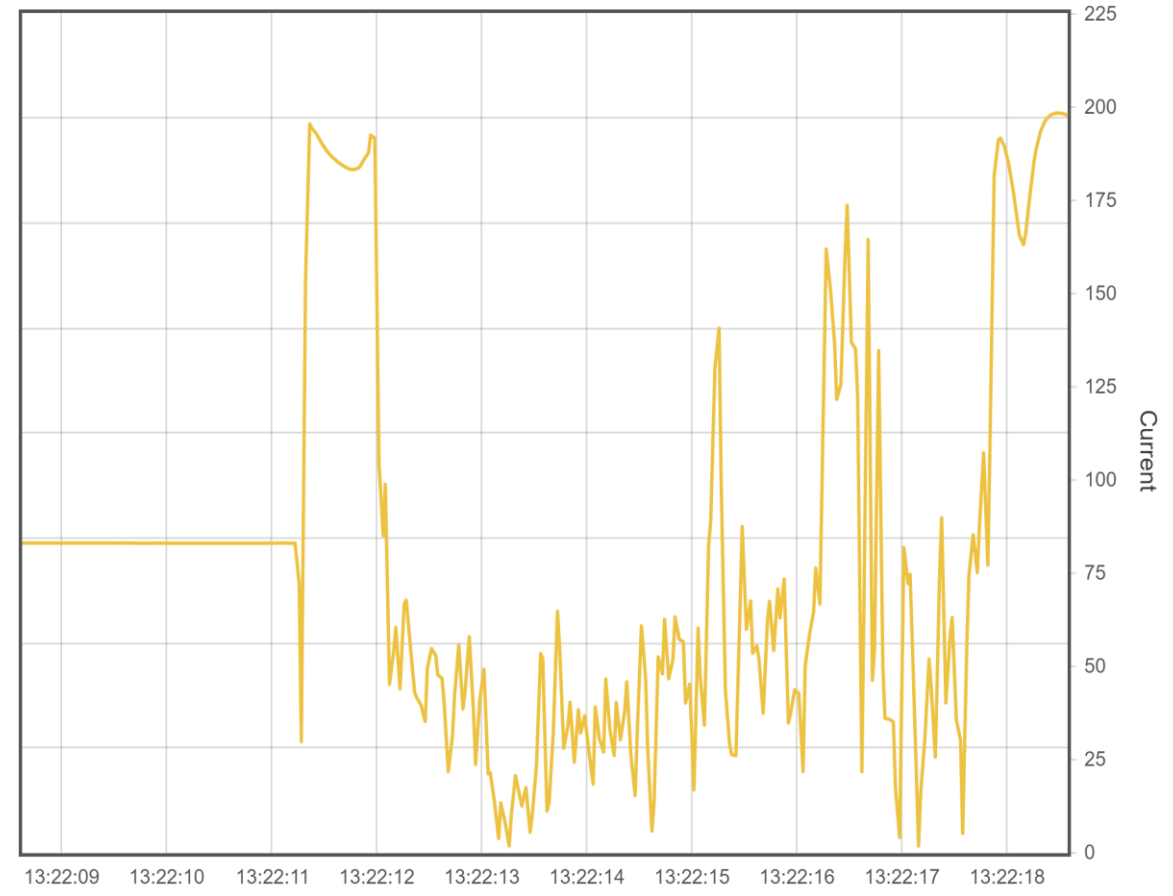
This elaborates on the integration phase between the actual NApp (local docker file) and the RT-HIL testbed

RT-HIL Emulation Results

WAM service responsiveness

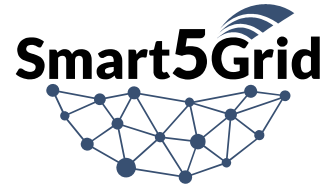


normal loading



fault/transient conditions

WAM NApp RT Test Results



WAM | 212.72.214.236:30580/GraphMeasurements.cshtml

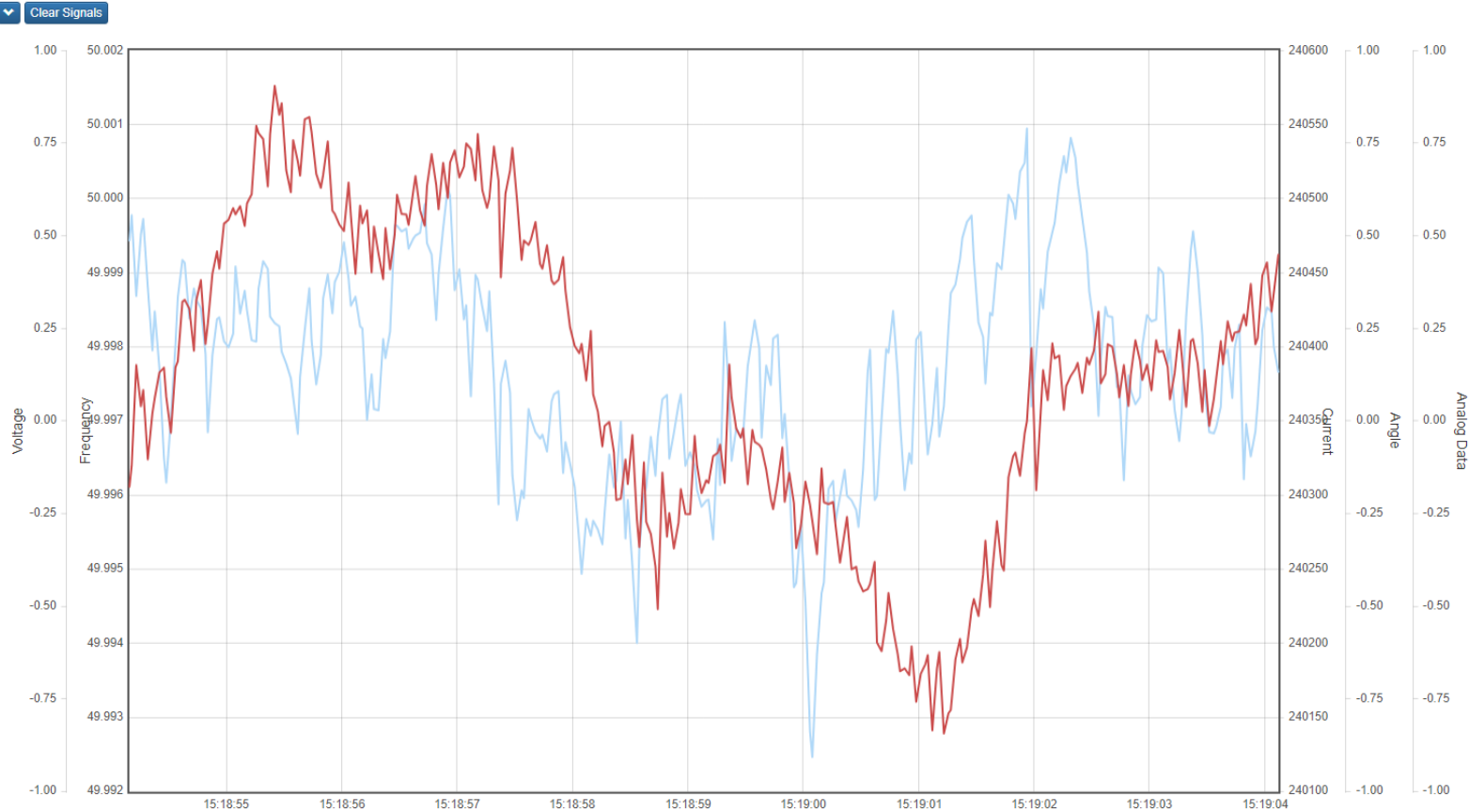
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Measurements

Settings

Legend

ID	Stream	Signal
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 STERPMU_211-DV1	DIGI
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 STERPMU_211-FQ	FREQ
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 STERPMU_211-DF	DFDT
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 STERPMU_211-SF	FLAG
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5 STERPMU_211-PM1	IPHM
<input type="checkbox"/>	6 STERPMU_211-PA1	IPHA
<input type="checkbox"/>	7 STERPMU_211-PM2	IPHM
<input type="checkbox"/>	8 STERPMU_211-PA2	IPHA
<input type="checkbox"/>	9 STERPMU_211-PM3	IPHM
<input type="checkbox"/>	10 STERPMU_211-PA3	IPHA
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<input type="checkbox"/>	15 STERPMU_211-PM6	IPHM
<input type="checkbox"/>	16 STERPMU_211-PA6	IPHA



E2E Latency Ping Results

Measured by VivaCom MEC server



```
479 10.20.204.10 56 60 27ms
  sent=480 received=480 packet-loss=0% min-rtt=14ms avg-rtt=19ms
  max-rtt=51ms
SEQ HOST SIZE TTL TIME STATUS
480 10.20.204.10 56 60 23ms
481 10.20.204.10 56 60 20ms
482 10.20.204.10 56 60 19ms
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496 10.20.204.10 56 60 22ms
  sent=497 received=497 packet-loss=0% min-rtt=14ms avg-rtt=19ms
  max-rtt=51ms
[admin@ecs-8f38.novalocal] > _
```

Avg latency 19 ms

Response Time Statistics

Measured by VivaCom via ZABBIX



vPDC Output Statistics

Measured by the vPDC on NBC VM



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Statistics for device Sterpmu 211

Description	Value	Time (UTC)
Device statistic for Number of data quality errors reported by device during last ten seconds.	0	12:20:57.866
Device statistic for Number of time quality errors reported by device during last ten seconds.	0	12:20:57.866
Device statistic for Number of device errors reported by device during last ten seconds.	0	12:20:57.866
Device statistic for Number of measurements received from device during last ten seconds.	15,500	12:20:57.866
Device statistic for Expected number of measurements from device during last ten seconds.	0	12:20:57.866
Device statistic for Number of measurements received while device was reporting errors during last ten seconds.	0	12:20:57.866
Device statistic for Number of defined measurements (per frame) from device.	0	12:20:57.866
InputStream statistic for Minimum latency from input stream, in milliseconds, during the last ten seconds.	33.000 ms	12:20:57.866
InputStream statistic for Maximum latency from input stream, in milliseconds, during the last ten seconds.	52.000 ms	12:20:57.866
InputStream statistic for Average latency, in milliseconds, for data received from input stream during the last ten seconds.	35.000 ms	12:20:57.866
InputStream statistic for Total number of frames received from input stream during last ten seconds.	500	12:20:57.866
InputStream statistic for Number of frames that were not received from input stream during the last ten seconds.	0	12:20:57.866
InputStream statistic for Number of CRC errors reported from input stream during the last ten seconds.	0	12:20:57.866
InputStream statistic for Number of out-of-order frames received from input stream during the last ten seconds.	0	12:20:57.866
InputStream statistic for Boolean value representing if input stream was continually connected during the last ten seconds.	True	12:20:57.866
InputStream statistic for Number of data frames received from input stream during the last ten seconds.	499	12:20:57.866
InputStream statistic for Frame rate as defined by input stream.	50 frames / second	12:20:57.866
InputStream statistic for Latest actual mean frame rate for data received from input stream during the last ten seconds.	49.999 frames / second	12:20:57.866
InputStream statistic for Latest actual mean Mbps data rate for data received from input stream during the last ten seconds.	0.056 Mbps	12:20:57.866
InputStream statistic for Number of bytes received from the input source during the last ten seconds.	70,000	12:20:57.866
InputStream statistic for Number of processed measurements reported by the input stream during the lifetime of the input stream.	4,877,376	12:20:57.866
InputStream statistic for Number of bytes received from the input source during the lifetime of the input stream.	21,305,094	12:20:57.866
InputStream statistic for The minimum number of measurements received per second during the last ten seconds.	1,568	12:20:57.866
InputStream statistic for The maximum number of measurements received per second during the last ten seconds.	1,632	12:20:57.866
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InputStream statistic for Maximum latency from input stream, in milliseconds, during the lifetime of the input stream.	80 ms	12:20:57.866
InputStream statistic for Average latency, in milliseconds, for data received from input stream during the lifetime of the input stream.	35 ms	12:20:57.866
InputStream statistic for Total number of seconds input stream has been running.	3,059.397 s	12:20:57.866

Avg latency of
35 ms

Analysis and Conclusions

WAM NApp Real-time Measurements Stream



Analysis

- The average E2E latency between the two PMUs and the vPDC that runs on a Nearby Computing virtual machine hosted by VIVACOM MEC server ranges between **19 ms and 35 ms**, matching the KPI of max 200 ms
- This was confirmed by ping tests at the VivaCom MEC server as well as by vPDC Output Stats
- The proposed WAM&A NApp services conform to the following KPIs as adopted at the 21st meeting of Working Group 5A of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU): E2E Latency of 20-200 ms, vPDC absolute wait time within 40 ms, and bandwidth 699-1500 kbps/PMU

Conclusions

- This work demonstrates a WAM and Advisory service as a NApp deployed on top of 5G smart grid providing URLLC network slicing capabilities.
- RT measurements from two PMUs installed in the opposite ends of an existent tie line between Bulgaria and Greece and integrated in a HIL were used to emulate normal and fault grid conditions.
- The concept and results for this work can support future developments of modularity and scale-up of WAM & A services across the energy vertical using by-design smart grid architectures.

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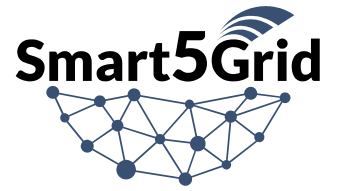
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