



# CSIRO AEMO Roadmap

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# Purpose – Australia's GPST Roadmap

Topic 1



Inverter Design

Topic 2



Stability Tools and Methods

Topic 3



Control Room of the Future

Topic 4



Planning

Topic 5



Restoration and Black Start

Topic 6



Services

Plus



Australian-specific research areas

Topic 7



Architecture

Topic 8



Distributed Energy Resources (DERs)

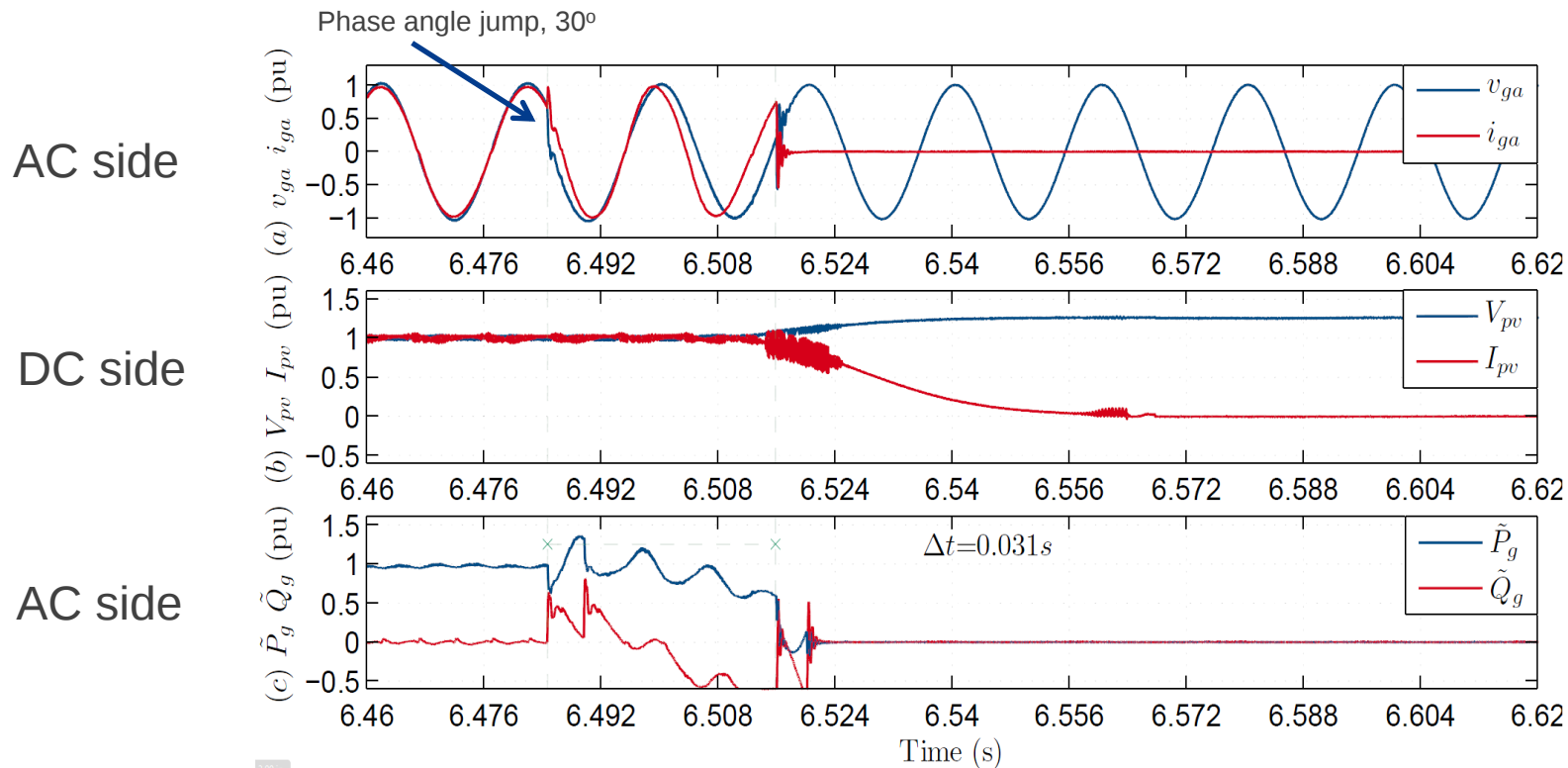
Topic 9



DERs and Stability

**Australian-focussed Topics**

# Rooftop Inverters Mis-Behave



# Australian research pathway to impact: rooftop inverter success story

ARENA-funded research at UNSW has discovered that even the world's most successful rooftop inverter manufacturers were not aware of the limitations of their devices to ride through benign grid situations

**Standards:** AS4777 changes

Changes to Australian and NZ standards are drafted; likely to have international impact

**Invention:** MicroMONITOR algorithm

UNSW has developed an algorithm to avoid rapid wide area disconnection of inverter-connected equipment uncovered by the ARENA grant

**Regulations:** Rule change proposal to AEMC

Rule makers are being asked to act to "mitigate additional costs and retain system security"

**Awareness:** AEMO interest and national conversation

UNSW has publicised this research with key supporters and stakeholders, sparking a national conversation

**Research:** ARENA grant to UNSW \$982k + UNSW investment of \$200k

UNSW's advanced microgrid and inverter testing lab, unique Real Time Digital Simulator, and expertise in hardware-in-the loop testing uncovered power converter disconnection behaviours of rooftop inverters (occurring as rapidly as 20-30ms)

Rooftop solar inverters

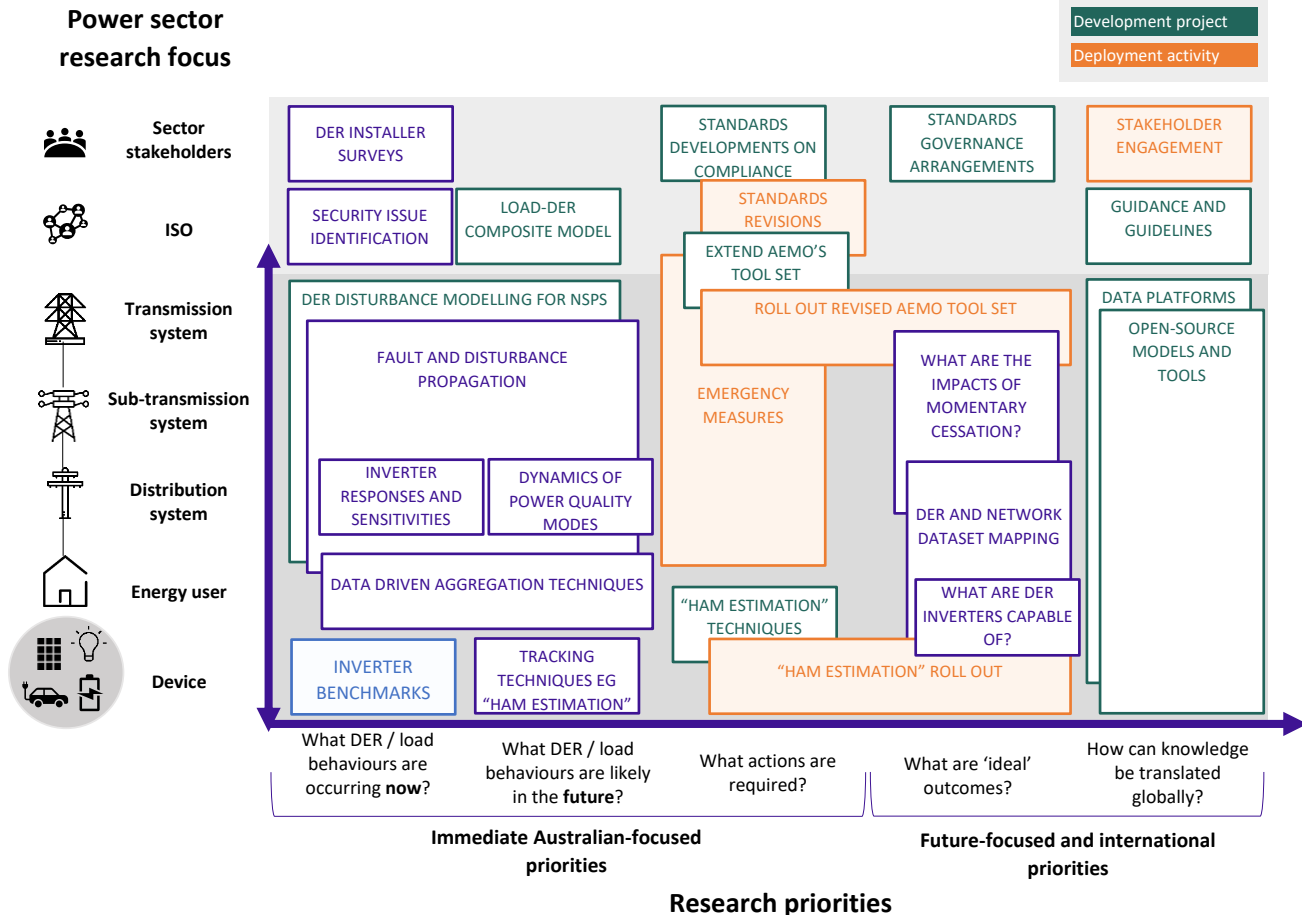
# What are we proposing?

A multi-faceted approach that focuses on early deployment of improved models that the transmission network operators and market operators can use that capture IBR responses.

- Develop an improved load-DER model tool set that supports AEMO's development of TNSP models
- Expand UNSW's inverter benchmarking: market share is fluid, changing, 'stranded'
- Start benchmarking portfolios of three-phase inverters, hybrid- and storage-only inverters, EV chargers, inverter-based loads
- Assess the impact of AS4777.2020 on inverter performance
- Further develop our excellent CHIL and PHIL capabilities to assess inverter controller response to grid disturbances.

# Research landscape

- Build a (more) complete picture of DER disturbance response risks
- Identify key research priorities
  - Immediate Australian focused priorities
  - Future focused and international priorities

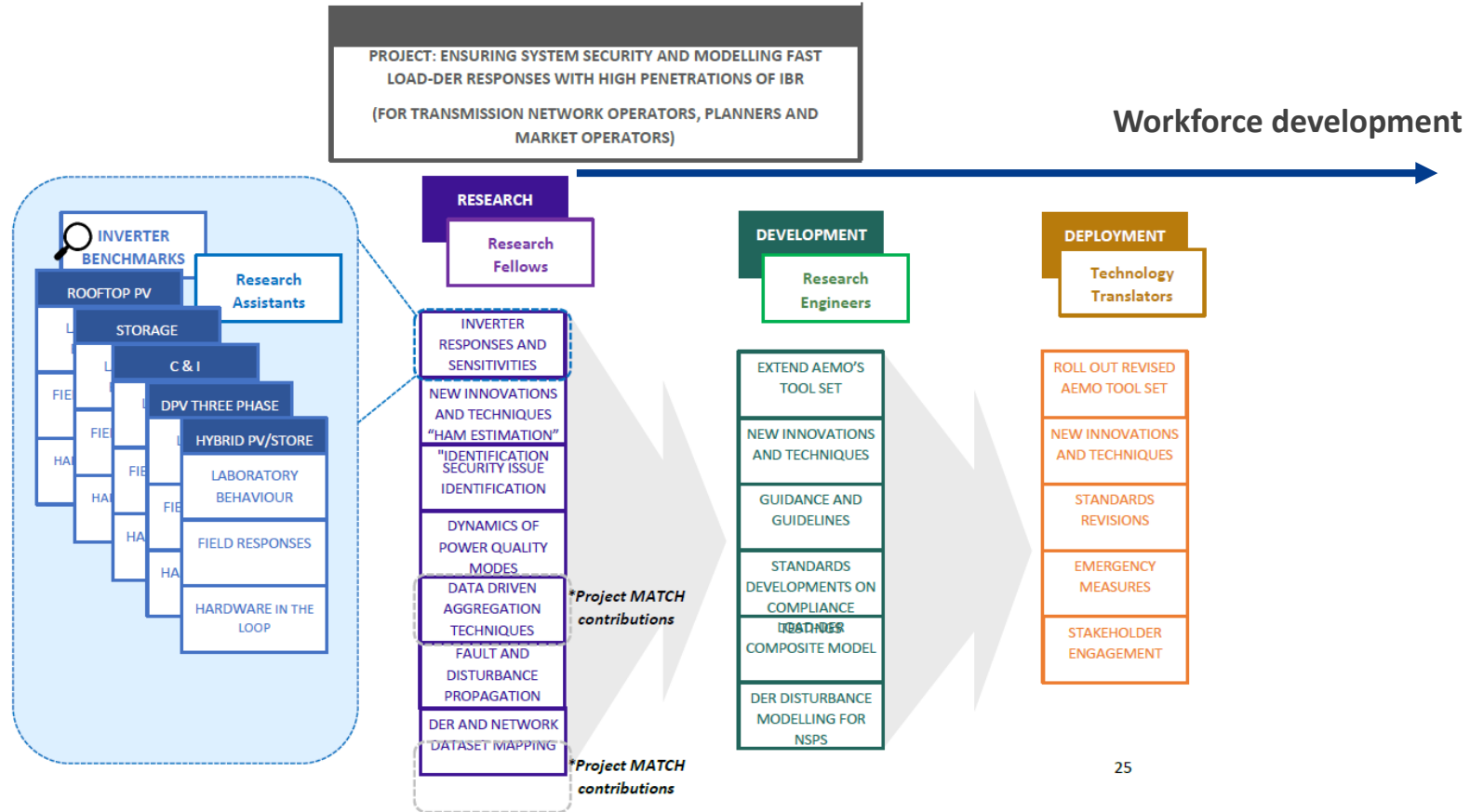


# Why this research is essential?

- The growth of inverter based resources (IBR) will continue unabated if we are serious about removing emissions from our growing electrical energy system
- AEMO and other stakeholders need the tools to model all the different timescales and response times associated with IBR and understand performance 'on aggregate'
- Load-DER Composite Models will need to adapt and change continuously during the transition
- The impact of large signal responses of inverter based-resources will remain a security issue now and into the future

The objective is to ensure that ISOs and TSOs have appropriate and verified models to maintain power system security under very high penetrations of IBR such as distributed PV, energy storage, and other resources including inverter-based demand.

Figure 9 – Research Program overview: Research and Development supporting Practical Deployment



# Outcomes

- Continued development of AEMO's toolset
- Research/develop/deploy new technologies to solve problems
- Support Standards revisions and Emergency Measures by identifying security issues related to IBR behaviours
- Continue to educate, train, disseminate findings nationally and internationally

Australia is uniquely placed to deliver valuable insights to ISOs and TSOs internationally, due to its distant and poorly-interconnected power system and substantial, if not world-leading, deployment of distributed solar PV systems, as well as a growing fleet of distributed battery energy storage systems.

## DEPLOYMENT

Technology  
Translators

ROLL OUT REVISED  
AEMO TOOL SET

NEW INNOVATIONS  
AND TECHNIQUES

STANDARDS  
REVISIONS

EMERGENCY  
MEASURES

STAKEHOLDER  
ENGAGEMENT

# Topic Links

| Australian GPST Topic<br>("Identified Topic") | Relevant inputs to this proposal<br>from Identified Topic                                            | Relevant outputs from this proposal<br>that inform Identified Topic           |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1 Inverter Design</b>                      | Performance metrics: A/us, large- and small-signal current bandwidth                                 | Response requirements                                                         |
| <b>2 Stability Tools</b>                      | Performance requirements of models including physical range, time granularity, small-signal response | Large-signal response of DER/IBR                                              |
| <b>3 Control Room of the Future</b>           | Definition of HMI and underpinning modelling toolset requirements                                    | Load-IBR composite models                                                     |
| <b>4 Planning</b>                             | Planning tools and developments                                                                      | Load-IBR composite models, security issues related to large-signal responses  |
| <b>5 Black start</b>                          | Blackstart procedures based on Topics 4 and 7                                                        | Large-signal response of DER/IBR, start-up behaviour, standards               |
| <b>6 Services</b>                             | Service requirements and specifications                                                              | Verification of IBR performance                                               |
| <b>7 Architecture</b>                         | Proposed suite of architectures and                                                                  | Load-IBR composite models, security issues related to large-signal responses, |

